

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/705,538

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amdt filed on 12/21/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-21.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and or additions be acceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Paula D. Heyman on 01/29/07

2. The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1, Line 6, Insert --- and preventing the signal from being falsely activated --- after "propagating to the output of the delay circuit".

Claim 8, Lines 6 and 7, Insert --- and preventing the signal from being falsely activated --
- after "propagating to the output of the delay circuit".

Claim 16, Lines 6 and 7, Insert --- and preventing the signal from being falsely activated -
-- after "propagating to the output".

DETAILED ACTION

Examiner's statement for reason for allowance

3. Claims 1-21 have been allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement for allowance:

As per claims 1, 8 and 16:

The prior art of record, Wright et al. (U.S. PN: 6,819,539) teach a method for circuit recovery from overstress conditions, comprising the steps of (A) is detecting an event and (B)

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resetting a device when the event is a first predetermined type and providing recovery when the event is a second predetermined type (see col. 1, lines 50-55). Further, Wright et al. in figure 5 teach a circuit (or system) 500 illustrating detection of a noise-coupling event is shown. A stress event, such as ESD, may cause circuit malfunction by coupling noise onto a critical node, with or without an over/under-voltage. The circuit (500) generally, comprises a pad (502), a pad (504), an oscillator circuit (506) (to generate a signal and to present to a tunable delay circuit (508), (the delay circuit configured to present a signal to a short pulse detect circuit (510) (see col. 5, lines 16-30).

However, the prior art taken singly or in combination fail to teach, anticipate, suggest, or render obvious preventing a high voltage from propagating to the output of a delay circuit and preventing the signal from being falsely activated if the delay circuit does not exist at the input after the predetermined amount of time. Consequently, claims 1, 8 and 16 are allowed over the prior art.

Claims **2-7, 9-15 and 17-21**, which is/are directly or indirectly dependent/s of claims 1, 8 and 16 are also allowable over the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Esaw Abraham whose telephone number is (571) 272-3812. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are successful, the examiner's supervisor, Albert DeCady can be reached on (571) 272-3819. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned (571) 273-8300.

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